

WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM



Portable Sanitary Toilet Cleaning

Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Releasing pollutants directly or indirectly into the storm drain system or waterways is a violation of the County's Watershed Protection Ordinance (WPO). Below is a list of BMPs that may be applicable to your business. This list is not all inclusive; refer to the WPO for further details. For more information call your inspector or the Stormwater Hotline at (888) 846-0800.

On the Job

- ☐ Prior to washing closets, remove trash and discard into a garbage container.
- ☐ Pump-out service for portable toilets shall be conducted in a manner that prevents the release of sewage to the stormwater conveyance system or receiving waters.
- ☐ Wastewater shall be disposed to the sanitary sewer at the job site or to a holding tank. Contents of the holding tank shall be disposed to the sewer at the business's company headquarters or at an approved location.
- ☐ Rinse water from cleaning portable toilet closets that cannot be disposed to the sanitary sewer at the job site shall be contained for disposal at the service facility headquarters or other approved facility.
- ☐ Place portable toilet closets away from storm drains, waterways, and areas with high vehicle traffic.
- ☐ Post signs with company contact information for reporting the need for cleaning or repair.
- ☐ Maintain hoses, couplings, tanks, etc., in good condition to prevent leaks or spills.
- ☐ Place toilet closets on a tray or pan for secondary containment.
- ☐ Keep wash area surfaces clean and in good condition.

Materials & Waste Management

- ☐ Hazardous materials and waste shall be stored in a manner that will prevent contact with rain water and run-off. Maintain all hazardous materials in accordance with the MSDS and all applicable laws and regulations.
- ☐ Securely store all materials and equipment in the vehicle during transport.
- ☐ Use secondary containment for storage areas that are likely to create a discharge.
- ☐ Whenever possible, berm, and cover all equipment storage areas.
- ☐ Maintain all storage containers in good condition; keep these items securely closed when not in use.
- ☐ Inspect storage areas at least once before the rainy season (October 1-April 30) and quarterly during the rainy season. Document inspections and retain records for two years.
- ☐ Keep copies of procedures for spill cleanup, and supplies for spill response in every vehicle and at the headquarters. Promptly clean up spills and leaks when they occur.
- ☐ Contain all spills on-site. Immediately report any spills of hazardous materials that reach the storm drain system by calling the Hazardous Materials Division at (619) 338-2284 or 9-1-1 after normal working hours. Report non-hazardous spills to the Stormwater Hotline at (888) 846-0800.

Training

- ☐ Train all operators, employees, and workers responsible for activities that could result in unauthorized discharges on specific BMPs appropriate to the activity.
- ☐ Training topics shall include: preventive maintenance, good housekeeping, proper waste disposal, non-stormwater disposal alternatives, equipment maintenance and repair, spill response, recycling, and BMP maintenance. Keep training records on-site.





Headquarters Grounds Maintenance

- ☐ Use dry methods such as sweeping, vacuuming, raking and application of absorbents to cleanup pollutants. Routinely sweep and clean parking lots and paved areas around your business.
- ☐ Provide trash cans with lids in your parking lot to discourage littering.
- ☐ Post signs prohibiting discharges to the storm drain or receiving waters if required by the inspector.
- ☐ Sweep up dirt, leaves, litter, and clippings on walkways, street, and gutters on a regular basis.
- ☐ Use pesticides and fertilizers according to label instructions and do not apply the chemicals before a rain event. Try using less toxic alternatives. Properly dispose of all landscaping chemicals.
- ☐ Adjust sprinkler heads to avoid over-watering and runoff.
- ☐ Contain or cover stockpiles of materials such as soils, fertilizer, or potting material.
- ☐ Protect disturbed slopes greater than 3-feet in height, and steeper than 3:1 (run-to-rise).
- ☐ Wash areas at the main service facility must have perimeter control and properly slope to a grated floor drain. These areas must also drain either to the sanitary sewer or to a holding tank. Operators are responsible for obtaining all necessary approvals from sewer agencies before you discharge wastewater to the sewer.
- ☐ Periodically clean the rooftops of your building and maintain rooftop equipment to prevent leaks and spills. Remove any materials which may contaminate stormwater from the roof. Substances such as bird droppings, grease, leaves that have accumulated on rooftops shall be removed.
- ☐ Direct roof downspouts toward pervious areas such as lawns whenever possible.
- ☐ Never allow wash water or rinse water from building and pavement washing to discharge to the storm drain system. Contain and collect it for treatment, re-use, or proper disposal.
- ☐ Temporarily cover storm drain inlets that are located within or down gradient of your business before performing any activity involving liquids that could result in spills, leaks, or runoff.

Dumpster & Loading Areas

- ☐ Trash and disposal areas shall be kept clean and free of debris.
- ☐ Keep materials needed to clean trash and loading areas readily accessible.
- ☐ Sweep up litter and debris around trash bins and loading areas regularly.
- ☐ Dispose of non-hazardous liquids into the sanitary sewer, as allowed by the local sewer agency.
- ☐ Keep trash dumpsters closed when not in use. Maintain dumpsters and other containers in a clean and leak proof condition. Contact hauler to replace or repair leaking or damaged dumpsters.
- ☐ Use dry methods (sweeping, vacuuming) to clean out waste containers; if hosing or pressure washing is needed, contain all wash water on-site for proper disposal.
- ☐ Load and unload materials in designated areas. Maintain loading equipment and repair any leaks.

Inspect Your Business

- ☐ Review operations and procedures relating to protecting the stormwater conveyance system and receiving waters at least annually. Document inspections and keep records onsite for 2 years.
- ☐ Post signs prohibiting discharges to the storm drain or receiving waters, if required by the inspector.
- ☐ Document any corrective action training and/or corrected disposal practices.

The Watershed Protection Ordinance may be found at www.sdcdpw.org/WPO
Additional BMPs can be found at www.projectcleanwater.org/bmp



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